IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS DELTA DIVISION

JERRY L. GATER Reg. #42525-044 **PLAINTIFF** 

**v.** 

**CASE NO. 2:20-CV-00146-BSM** 

Micael D. Carvajal, et al.

**DEFENDANTS** 

**ORDER** 

The proposed findings and recommendations ("RD") from United States Magistrate Judge Joe J. Volpe [Doc. No. 14] has been received. After reviewing the record *de novo*, the RD is adopted. Jerry Gater's retaliation and failure-to-protect claims against defendant Brister may proceed.

All other claims are dismissed without prejudice for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Defendants Carvajal, Hendrix, Hanks, Chambers, McAlliste, and Williams are dismissed without prejudice because Gater has not pled a plausible claim against them. The United States of America is dismissed with prejudice because it is not a proper party. It is certified that an *in forma pauperis* appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22nd day of September, 2020.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE